

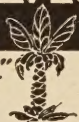
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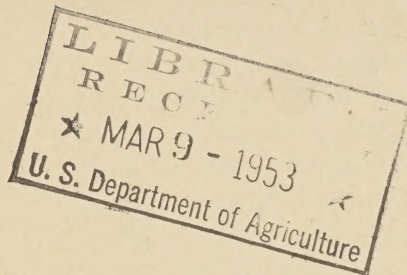
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## IEWS OF HUES

### IT'S TIME FOR . . .

Taking stock of the dull spots in our gardens and carrying on the drama already well begun. Even a very small patio has at least one highlight of inspiration in February—a fine Oriental Magnolia, a pink and white Peach tree, or a mass of Daffodils. Now let's work from there and finish the picture.

If you like **FLAME** and red and yellow for your strong points, pick a **CORAL TREE**, *Erythrina constantiana* (\$5 in a five gallon can), now while you can see the big trees in bloom; or a **BOTTLE BRUSH**—*Callistemon*, three species and habits of growth (\$1 to \$17.50); **FLAME EUCALYPTUS**, *E. ficifolia* (\$1, \$4.50 and up); a bed of **PRIMULA POLYANTHUS** in gold, bronze and deep red for the shadows under these trees; **BROOM** and **HALINIUM** and late **ACACIA** for the hillside (85 cents to \$5); **GLADS** (\$1 a dozen) and **CARNATIONS** (45 cents each) for your cutting beds; yellow **ROCK ALYSSUM** (85 cents, one gallon) and **SALVIA BONFIRE** (50 cents a dozen) for your borders.

If you're a **BLUE** lover, right now is the time to get your fill of **DELPHINIUMS** (45 cents, \$4.50 a dozen) in separate shades of blue, balled, ready to bloom within a few weeks. Then there are blue **CANTERBURY BELLS** balled at same price, **LOBELIA** light and dark (45 cents a dozen); **VERONICA SPICATA**, **FELICIA COERULEA**, **PENSTEMON HETEROPHYLLA** (85 cents) and any number of other blue perennials and annuals to buy now, among which our own specially grown **CINERARIAS** are outstanding (35 cents to \$1.50). Ask us to help you assemble a whole blue garden for you if you wish.

As for **WHITE** in the garden, we have slowly been acquiring just about everything there is in that popular and wonderful color — white **AGERATUM** (45 cents a dozen), all the various **SHASTA DAISIES**



### TROPIC SNOWFLAKE

The believe-it-or-not looking leaf pictured herewith belongs to a rare Aralaceous plant called **TREVESIA**, and, depending largely on your Rorschach quotient, may resemble large glossy green snowflakes, wind-torn umbrellas, kalaidescopic inventions, or hand-torn doilies, but the cumulative effect is an eye-arresting shrub, second to none.

Horticultural references dealing with exotic plants for "stove houses" or conservatories have spoken most highly of this foliage subject with the intricately-patterned leaves ever since its discovery more than one hundred years ago, yet *Trevesia* has remained a rare plant in cultivation. (The name, incidentally, honors Signor Treves de Bonfigli of Padua, an eighteenth century patron of botanical research.) With the exception of a solitary specimen in a southland botanic garden, *Trevesia*, as far as we know, did not arrive here until about two years ago. In this very limited time, however, the performance of the plant leads us to believe that it will be very happy in our local gardens with no special

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# Rhyme in Season

The ladies' joy in days of yore  
(And to this very day we think)  
Was wearing orchids by the score:  
Then came the mink.—

Alas! this furry little pet  
Is not for sale in our gardens.  
So if we chased you out of bed  
We ask a thousand pardons!

But lend an ear you married guys,  
You bachelors and sons of mothers,  
We have for you some orchid buys  
To make the girls forsake all others!

So buy a plant—then play it smart  
And when you take her out to dine,  
Snip off a flower for your sweetheart  
She'll always be your Valentine!

G.F.H.

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## It's Time For . . .

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(from 15 cents, bare root), three kinds of PRIM-ROSES (\$3.85 a dozen), ORIENTAL MAGNOLIAS (from \$6), BEGONIAS and ENGLISH DAISIES (\$3.60 per 100, 50 cents a dozen), as well as all the spring-flowering shrubs, CHOISYA, BRIDAL WREATH, PHILADELPHUS, BREATH OF HEAVEN, and so on, (\$1.25 to \$4). SPARMANNIA AFRICANA, small tree, large shrub with great tropical leaves and white flowers now, is \$5.

If you're a **PINK** fan we suggest you consider DIANTHUS PRINCESS (75 cents, one gallon), ECHIUW WILDPRETTI (85 cents), tall, (two feet), ARMERIA (85 cents, one gallon) and new RAPHIOLEPIS INDICA RUBRA grafts (one gallon, \$3).

And don't forget that though this is the end of the bare root ROSE season, we still have a good many of certain varieties little talked about but still among the best — Angel's Mateu (salmon, \$1.25), Mrs. E. P. Thom (a top yellow, \$1.25), Etoile de Hollande (one of the best deep crimson, \$1.25), Grand Duchess Charlotte (brilliant coral red, \$1.75), and Floradora (tomato red floribunda, tall, \$1.35).

February is also a fine time for choosing CYMBIDIUMS in bloom, and an all-season hanging basket for partial shade is the gray-green DONKEY'S TAIL (Sedum morganianum), \$6 and \$7.50. P.E.C.

## LANDSCAPE LINES

### New For Old

Are your worn-out plants wearing you out? Because plants do simply wear out (and please, no cracks about the California Redwoods) and wear you out; what with constant pruning and whacking away at them, trying to keep them in bounds. (The Oleanders, for example, that seemed to be just the thing to plant under the bay window back in 1940 when they were only two feet high.) And while many plants improve with age, others grow worse; usually because of bad placing to begin with.

We wouldn't think of driving 1930 automobiles, or wearing 1930 clothes; yet many, many homes are uninviting because of a setting of worn-out, out-of-date, over-grown shrubbery. In far too many instances, what started out to be a good garden, is now a heterogeneous jumble of odds and ends with nothing in relation to anything else, and the good crowded out by the bad. Sometimes we feel moved to write our Congressman about the possibilities of a "Renovate your Garden Week."

But honestly, in the last twenty years, there have been many new and exciting plants introduced that take the place of much of the old material and do the job so much better. It happens that our landscape consultants have brought new joy and pleasure to many owners of seemingly hopeless gardens; and all this for a very small fee. So, don't let worn-out plants wear you out; if your garden needs a face lifting, we can rejuvenate it. You know we are garden specialists! J.E.

## CATTLEYA COLLECTION ACQUIRE

Evans and Reeves has recently acquired a collection of fine Cattleya hybrid orchids including two splendid white crosses, numbering some 800 plants, which are at present being offered at attrac-





## PLANT OF THE MONTH

### BRIGHT LIGHT

As February arrives and with it many a bleak day, the color and form of the tropics seem to fade from our gardens—but not if the property has a cluster of *SENECIO PETASITIS* blazing through the gloom! Bright golden spires of small daisy flowers emerge from reddish buds which surmount the large velvety leaves of this perennial from Mexico, bringing warmth and color into the midseason garden at a time when such brilliance is at a premium.

Our plant of the month, while at its most impressive in a mass planting, will, singly, develop into a specimen some six feet high and as much across in a sunny location, requiring moisture but accepting a variety of soils, though of course responding to a certain fertility with best performance. \$3.75 in five gallon containers.

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tively low prices. The plants range in maturity from near flowering to two to five years from flowering and represent a wide distribution of color all in vigorous plants of special interest to the collector of *Cattleias*.

# Hugh Evans

There are some plants with such robust constitutions and happy dispositions that they will endure vicissitudes and treatment to which many things ordinarily will succumb. Being loose in the ground, however, is a situation in which no plant should be left, for if this lasts any length of time without the plant being aided and this condition remedied, the decease of the plant is a foregone conclusion.

Whenever this circumstance occurs the soil must be tamped and firmed down thoroughly around the trunk or stem and a proper stake and tie supplied; in the case of a heavy or tall subject, a guy with proper wires in at least two quarters should be supplied, and in no case must any plant be left to swing loose. It is obvious that when the stem or trunk of a plant is swinging back and forth, loosening the soil around the trunk, the roots are being loosened in the ground, something no plant can stand. During windy weather and particularly in heavy soils the condition alluded to is apt to occur, and the plant must have help without delay.

## Tropical Snowflake

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protection, in spite of most early writing which stressed the importance of simulating the "warm, damp jungles of Malaya"—the country of its origin.

The species or variety of *Trevesia* illustrated and which we offer, we believe to be *T. Micholitzii*. (We are indebted to a very kind and cooperative friend in Europe for not only the identification but also the seed itself of this *Trevesia*). As with many another uncommon plant some uncertainty, not to say, confusion, exists with respect to the positive classification of the various *Trevesias*, but we'll stick to the above name, or simply, "Snowflake Tree."

In case you find room for this fascinating shrub or small tree we recommend a loose leafy soil with plenty of food and water, in afternoon shade or filtered sunlight. The flowers are curious but of no great interest. *Trevesia*'s ultimate size may reach 10 or 12 feet but we suggest that plants be headed back long before they reach that height, except in an unusual setting. \$7.50 in five gallon containers. M.E.

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